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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2612
Examiner: Mr. Eric Blount

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant	:	Noboru MAESONO et al.)
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Serial No.	:	10/519,746)
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Filed	:	December 29, 2004)
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For	:	MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION INFORMATION) PROVIDING SYSTEM (as amended)))))
Attorney Ref.	:	HONJ 106NP)
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**REQUEST
TO WITHDRAW
“FINALITY”
OF OFFICE ACTION**

February 8, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Office Action of January 25, 2008 has been received, and it is anticipated that a reply will be filed in due course.

The Office Action has been made “final.” However, it includes a new ground of rejection of a claim whose scope was not changed in the last Amendment (claim 11). Applicant should be entitled to respond to this new ground of rejection without the constraints of a final rejection. The “finality” of the office Action is premature, and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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